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1. Whenever a speech is delivered by a Soviet leader, a staff of transcribers is always present. If a speech is not delivered from a prepared text, the speaker will check the transcribed version and make required changes prior to the release of the speech. This is the explanation of the discrepancy between Khrushchev's speech as delivered in Prague on 12 June 1954 and as printed.

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2. If the release of a speech is delayed, it may be because the speaker acted on his own initiative and the other members of the Presidium wished to check the speech before release. However, this is not always the case. In Stalin's time there were cases in which speeches would not be published immediately, although all speeches were checked prior to delivery.

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